



## Year 11 Economics Extended Response

### Labour Markets

**Weighting: 20%**

#### Outcomes:

- P1 demonstrates understanding of economic terms, concepts and relationships
- P5 analyses the relationship between individuals, firms, institutions and government in the Australian economy
- P6 explains the role of government in the Australian economy
- P8 applies appropriate terminology, concepts and theories in economic contexts
- P9 selects and organises information from a variety of sources for relevance and reliability
- P10 communicates economic information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms
- P11 applies mathematical concepts in economic contexts

**“Employment growth has been remarkably robust in 2008 and the unemployment rate remains near a generational low” – Sydney Morning Herald, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2008**

***Outline major trends in the Australian labour market since 1990 and discuss the recent WorkChoices legislation.***

To do this, you are going to write an **extended response** (2000-2500 words) that follows the following structure:

- a) An **introduction** that briefly describes your main arguments (i.e. a quick overview of some of the major trends in the labour market since 1990 and the introduction of the WorkChoices laws). **Approx. 250-300 words.**
- b) Approx. two paragraphs on the changes in employment levels since 1990 (including unemployment rates, specific causes of unemployment during this time, types of unemployment, and anything else you feel is relevant). **Approx. 400-500 words.**
- c) One or two paragraphs on other labour market trends since 1990 (the increase in part-time work, the casualisation of the workforce, outsourcing, etc). **Approx. 300-350 words.**
- d) Two paragraphs that outline how the WorkChoices legislation changed how employers, employees, government bodies and trade unions determine wages and conditions (outline the laws and the framework created). **Approx. 400-500 words.**
- e) Two paragraphs outlining the arguments for and against this legislation (lots of newspaper articles here – include statistics and reports for both sides, even if they are from *after* the introduction of the laws and show the effect of the laws). **Approx. 400-500 words.**
- f) A conclusion that briefly summarises your main points and says where labour markets may be headed from this point onwards (given that WorkChoices is slowly getting “scrapped”). **Approx. 300-400 words.**

You need to **back up** everything you write with **statistics, graphs, newspaper articles or references from books**. When you use graphs or statistics, they have to be **meaningful** and **explained clearly**. You are **encouraged** to use **subheadings** to help the structure of your response.

### **Due Date**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June – In class (beginning of the lesson)**